

## Request for Statement of Qualifications Delta Vision Submittal Assessment Group

### Introduction

The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force (Task Force) will recommend a vision for long-term sustainable management of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Rivers Delta multiple uses, resources and ecosystem in 2007. In 2008, the Task Force and the Delta Vision Committee will recommend a strategic plan to implement that vision. The Stakeholder Coordination Group (SCG), formed of persons from local governments, stakeholders, scientists, engineers, and members of the public is helping the Task Force develop the Delta Vision.

Many of the Delta's uses and important features of its ecosystem extend beyond the legal Delta and Suisun Marsh (the watershed, for example). Global factors such as climate change also affect the Delta and Suisun Marsh. The charge to the Delta Vision is extensive and is provided in Executive Order S-17-06.

After the vision and strategic plan recommended from the Delta Vision processes are finalized, they will be analyzed, refined, elaborated upon and modified in important public policy processes expected to unfold over several years. Potential actions include legislation, decision making by relevant governmental agencies regarding existing programs, and the public and legal processes required to approve projects (for example, CEQA and biological opinions).

The Task Force has requested interested parties to work with the SCG by submitting visions for sustainable management of the Delta, including Suisun Marsh.

### Request for Qualifications

The Task Force invites qualified professionals to submit brief statements of qualifications for work to be undertaken through December 2008 to support the Task Force in assessing possible visions and in other analytic work in support of their charge. The Task Force seeks qualified candidates who are well known in their respective fields and have a solid, proven track record of project performance. The Statements will be reviewed by individuals with related competences who will make recommendations to the initiative's staff.

Work in two capacities is anticipated. The first category of anticipated work is to provide analytic and other support to the Task Force, with the exact work to be defined as needed by the Delta Vision Executive Director or his designee. This work may range from focused data collection and analyses to developing and maintaining relationships important to the work of Delta Vision.

The second area of anticipated work involves assessment of alternative visions for sustainable management of the Delta. Unless otherwise noted, the review of assessment of the visions will focus on California's Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. Visions will address several of the factors identified in Executive Order Ss-17-06:

- The environment, including aquatic and terrestrial functions and biodiversity.
- Land use and land use patterns, including agriculture, urbanization, and housing.
- Transportation, including streets, roads, highways, waterways, and ship channels.
- Utilities, including aqueducts, pipelines, and gas/electric transmission corridors.
- Water supply and quality, municipal/industrial discharges and urban and agricultural runoff.
- Flood risk management, including levee maintenance.
- Emergency response.
- Local and state economies.
- Governance
- Finances

Individuals or firms with competencies in any of these areas are invited to submit a statement of qualifications. The specific work will be detailed by the Delta Vision Executive Director or his designee, but could include: (a) assessing alternative visions, (b) recommendations for acceptance for further review (c) recommendations of modifications to the visions.

Each statement of qualifications should include:

1. Name of interested party (firm or individual).
2. Key contact information, including mail and email addresses, and telephone numbers.
3. A statement of key competencies related to the research identified above. Please be specific about the competencies offered.
4. A list of relevant projects completed, including clear description of work delivered, time frames and price.
5. Succinct biographical information of the individuals most relevant to these competencies who would undertake any work requested.
6. A list of references.

The statement of qualifications, including these six elements, should be no longer than ten pages.

Statements may be submitted electronically to: John Kirlin, Executive Director, at [john.kirlin@resources.ca.gov](mailto:john.kirlin@resources.ca.gov), and to Sergio Guillen, Delta Vision staff, at [sguillen@calwater.ca.gov](mailto:sguillen@calwater.ca.gov).

All analyses and data will become property of the State of California upon completion of the assessment. Academic and other publications based on the work are acceptable if acknowledgement is given to the funding support provided by the Task Force, and the

following statement is included on each publication: “The views expressed here are those of the author(s) and have not been reviewed by, nor are they approved by, the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force.”